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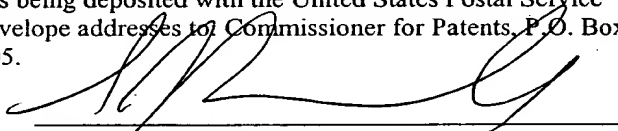
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 7, 2005

Dear Sir:

This reply is being filed timely in response to the Final Office Action dated January 7, 2005, in connection with the above-identified patent application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees associated with this action and application in general to Deposit Account No. 19-5425.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.